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Truly Yours

Blue Rhythm

Staten Island

New Colors and Selection of Extras by Customers

You are invited to visit our iris garden at blooming time. We grow for sale only the new varieties of tall bearded iris. The normal Knoxville blooming period for this branch of the iris family is from April 20th to June 1st. These varieties have a color range unsurpassed by any other flower. By planned planting you can paint your garden with a bold splash of color that can be seen a block away, or you can give the garden a refined pastel effect that will stand the closest inspection. For this job of color landscaping with iris you can pick a color that dazzles, such as an Indian red or the pure white of snow, or select a hue or tint that is soft and pleasing to the eye, such as the blue of the sky, or the red, gold or bronze of an autumn leaf, or the clear light pink of shrimp, or a rich forest brown. The bearded iris is a perennial that is easy to grow and fascinating to study. It is good as a garden clump, for cutting, for exhibition, or for a hobby. A single plant usually increases fourfold each year and soon makes a good clump. Plant vigor and hardiness depends far more upon the hereditary characteristics of the particular variety than upon the locality in which the particular plant is grown.

If you care enough to buy the best varieties, the price list herein is a good place to do your buying. This list contains a higher percentage of the finest varieties introduced within the last five years than will be found in any of the colored catalogs. Prompted by a desire to market nothing but the best, we have eliminated 30 of the varieties which were on our 1955 list and have added to our 1956 list 52 new varieties. Some of these new additions to our list are currently at the top of their color classifications. Extra plants are added at no additional cost on all orders except the special collections. Customers may select their own extras provided their selections are confined to varieties indicated by an asterisk, such as for example, *Happy Birthday. The larger the order the greater the percentage of value allowed in extra plants. Our sliding scale for fixing the value in extras on orders shipped or delivered to one address follows: \$5 to \$10 - 10%, \$10 to \$20 - 20%, \$20 to \$30 - 30%, \$30 to \$40 - 40%, \$40 to \$50 - 50%, \$50 to \$60 - 60%, \$60 to \$70 - 70%, \$70 to \$80 - 80%, \$80 to \$90 - 90%, and upward of \$90 - 100%. The name of the originator, the year of introduction, the height of the bloom stalk and the price of one plant are listed for each variety.

Page 3 Price List for 1956	Each
EBONY ECHO (Tompkins, 1948, 36") A deep red with a velvety finish and a	
blackish sheen. Ruffled flowers with extra heavy substance	3.50
EL PASO (Kleinsorge, 1949, 33") A good rich golden-brown	1.00
ENGRAVED (Craig, 1953, 38") Violet blend white to pale gray with all-over network of gray veins. A lovely Oncobred	7 50
ESCAPADE (Tompkins, 1952, 36") Rich glowing orchid with border of gold	7.50 5.00
FAIRY FANCY (Sass, 1953, 36") A fancy white and violet-purple plicata	3.50
*FANCYANCY (Austin, 1953, 42") A very distinctive flower-standards silvery	3.70
lilac and falls deep amethyst, veined in white over entire surface	5.00
FIREBIRD (Tompkins, 1954, 38") Red magenta self with a firey red beard	12.00
FIREDANCE (Fay, 1947, 38") A very bright yellow and red plicata. The best	
of its type and coloring. So brilliant it commands attention	1.25
FORT TICONDEROGA (Smith, 1948, 34") A glowing red with an orange beard	1.50
FOXFIRE (Fox, 1953, 38") A very rich yellow of excellent form with a light area below the beard in the falls. Brighter than Ola Kala	5.00
FRANCES CRAIG (Craig, 1952, 40") Mohr-hybrid with flowers of pale lavender	8.00
FRANCES KENT (DeForest, 1951, 38") Cream standards and ivory falls	5.00
GALA FINALE (DeForest, 1950, 38") A yellow plicata with a border of red	2.00
GARNET FLAME (DeForest, 1952, 38") A russet, red, gold and brown blend	3.00
*GAY BORDER (DeForest, 1949, 40") A brilliant white plicata with rose border	1.00
GAY HEAD (Knowlton, 1954, 36") Old gold standards and dark garnet falls	-0
bordered with gold to match the standards. A beauty	18.00
and blue-purple falls. Three times the size of Wabash	6.00
GINGER (Schreiner, 1953, 37") A ginger-colored blend with an enameled sheen.	0.00
It is a definite advance over Bryce Canyon or Casa Morena	4.00
GLITTERING GOLD (Murray, 1952, 36") A deep gold self with an orange beard	7.50
GOLDBEATER (Kleinsorge, 1944, 36") A clear, bright chrome-yellow self	•75
GOLDEN PLOYER (DeForest, 1950, 38") A fine large, broad-petaled golden tan	3.00
*GOLDEN RUSSET (Hall, 1946, 38") The color of the flower is a light, golden russet shade. The buds look like cigars and measure six inches	1 05
GOLDEN SUNSHINE (Schreiner, 1952, 38") A clear yellow that is soft as sunshine	1.25 5.00
GOLD HAWK (Smith, 1951, 38") Perhaps the purest yellow in the iris world	
GOLD RUFFLES (Muhlestein, 1947, 38") A ruffled and fluted medium yellow	1.00
GOLD SOVEREIGN (Whiting, 1949, 38") A fine, vividly-colored, orange-yellow	1.25
*GULF STREAM (Fay, 1946, 38") A stunning deep blue, yet not purple	•75
GYPSY CLASSIC (DeForest, 1950, 36") A brown with a rich henna overlay	4.00
*HAPPY BIRTHDAY (Hall, 1952, 36") One of the largest and perhaps the best of the flamingo pinks. Heavily ruffled. A rapid increaser	4.00
HARBOR BLUE (Schreiner, 1954, 40") Perhaps the best all-around new blue	
*HELEN COLLINGWOOD (Smith, 1949, 40") A brilliant amoena-neglecta with white	10.00
standards tinted blue, and violet falls which contrast strikingly	3.50
*HELEN McGREGOR (Graves, 1946, 36") A ruffled, clear, cool, light blue flower	
on an excellent stalk. One of the real iris "greats"	.7 5
*HERITAGE (Hall, 1949, 34") A deep flamingo pink with good form, lacy petals, no haft markings, and a tangerine beard. Very nice	2 00
*HI-TIME (Hall, 1950, 34") A golden apricot with a red beard, lovely form,	2.00
and no haft markings. A vigorous grower and free bloomer	1.50
HONOR BRIGHT (DeForest, 1951, 38") Large flowers with a ground color of chrome	
yellow and a deeper gold stitching around the edge	2.00
HUMMINGBIRD (Knowlton, 1952, 40") A ruffled, bi-colored flower with buff	1. 00
standards and falls of white bordered with buff	4.00
JUNE BRIDE (Hall, 1952, 30") A large size, deep apricot-pink JUNE SUNLIGHT (Williamson, 1953, 36") Light cadmium yellow self with orange	5.00
beard. Excellent substance. One of the best of the brand new yellows	10.00
KEZAR LAKE (Knowlton, 1951, 38") An excellent, clear, medium blue	3.50
KIKI (Graves, 1951, 39") A marvelous, new, medium blue with a frosty sheen.	
A slightly deeper tone than Jane Phillips	6.00
LADDIE (Miess, 1951, 36") A good, damson blue with an overlay of silver	3.00
LADY ALBRIGHT (Muhlestein, 1950, 36") A unique combination of colors, a blend of gold, violet and blue. Perhaps the brightest of the blends	2.50
*LADY BOSCAWEN (Graves, 1946, 42") A statuesque white with good branching	.60
LADY ILSE (Smith, 1951, 41") Ruffled powder-blue with glistening sheen	7.00
*IADY MOHR (Salbach, 1944, 36") Standards oyster white, falls pale mauve	
and chartreuse, covered with veining. Large, exotic flowers	.60
LATE SNOW (Douglas, 1953, 42") A dependable, late-blooming, tailored white	F 00
with a pale yellow beard on a tall, wide-branched stalk	5.00 9.00
LEADING LADY (Lyell, 1950, 38") Brilliant yellow standards and white ruffled	2.00
falls edged with yellow. It makes a stunning clump	1.25
LEGIONNAIRE (Watkins, 1953, 36") Light blue with deep blue at the center	6.00

Page 6 Price List for 1956	Each
*TRANQUILITY (Fay, 1950, 38") Perhaps the best white with a white beard TRULY YOURS (Fay, 1949, 38") A sensational white with a golden haft. The	2.00
flower is quite ruffled and edged in lace. Highly popular	7.50
*TWILIGHT SKY (Fay, 1949, 35") A dependable, clear pink, and a good grower	.90
VANITY FAIR (Hall, 1951, 36") A good, medium pink with a tangerine beard	5.00
VATICAN PURPLE (Whiting, 1943, 38") A rich and majestic blue-purple self	.75
VIOLET HARMONY (Lowry, 1952, 40") A lovely, large, ruffled violet flower	6.50
VISTA VERONICA (Buss, 1950, 46") An orchid-blue self. Excellent substance	1.00
WABASH (Williamson, 1936, 39") Pure white standards and purple velvet falls	-
bordered with white. It is a reluctant grower	.60
WALTZ TIME (Tompkins, 1952, 38") A heavily ruffled flower of ivory cream	2.00
WELCOME GUEST (Linse, 1952, 38") A charming and brilliant amber flower of	
rich amber-gold with deeper yellow-gold at the throat	7.50
WHISPERS (Linse, 1951, 39") Standards of chrome-yellow and falls of white	2.50
WHITE PEACOCK (Patterson, 1952, 36") A superb new white with perfectly	
formed broad petals and ruffled bluish-white flowers	6.00
WHITE RUFFLES (Taylor, 1947, 50") Huge, ruffled white, with gold at hafts	1.25
WHITE TOWER (Schreiner, 1951, 42") Perhaps the largest of all white iris	2.50
WINDSOR (Tompkins, 1950, 40") A new, rich, dark blue on a good stalk	4.50
*ZANTHA (Fay, 1947, 35") A gigantic, golden-yellow self that is completely	
free from markings, on a well-balanced stalk. A flower show variety	1.25

*May be selected as an extra.

Money-Saving Collections

Novelty Collection: Happy Birthday, Helen Collingwood, Maytime, Party Dress, Real Gold, Top Flight. Any 2 \$5, any 3 \$7, any 4 \$9, any 5 \$10.50, all 6 \$12.

Master Collection: Argus Pheasant, Cherie, Copper Medallion, Heritage, Mystic Melody, Paradise Pink, Pink Formal, Pink Sensation, Spring Romance, Staten Island, Tran-

quility. Any 4 \$5, any 7 \$8, any 9 \$10, all 11 \$12.

Peerless Collection: Accent, Amandine, Ballet Dancer, Bellerive, Blue Rhythm, Blue Valley, Helen McGregor, Lady Boscawen, Lady Mohr, Love Story, Mattie Gates, Melody Lane, New Snow, Ola Kala, Russet Wings, Spanish Peaks, Twilight Sky, Zantha. Any 6 \$5, any 9 \$7, any 12 \$9, any 15 \$11, all 18 \$13.

Color Classification

The three inner petals of an iris flower that are upright in position are called standards. The other three petals that are lower on the flower are the falls. A plicata has both standards and falls of a comparatively light color, overlaid with stitching, stipplings or mottlings of a darker color. An amoena has white or near white standards and colored falls. A variegata has yellow standards and reddish falls. A neglecta has standards of light blue and falls of dark blue. The varieties listed on the above price list are grouped below according to color and price. If we are unable to supply a variety ordered and have not been otherwise directed, we usually substitute, without additional cost, the next higher priced variety in the same color classification.

Whites: Admiral Nimitz, .60; Lady Boscawen, .60; New Snow, .75; Spanish Peaks, \$1.25; White Ruffles, \$1.25; Sarah Lee Shields, \$1.50; Tranquility, \$2; White Tower, \$2.50; Surrender, \$4; Late Snow, \$5; Snosheen, \$6; White Peacock, \$6; Snow Goddess, \$12.

Light Blues: Helen McGregor, .75; Sky Tint, \$1.50; Cahokia, \$2; So Sweet, \$2; Blue Parakeet, \$3.50; Dancing Deb, \$3.50; Azure Lake, \$5; Broadripple, \$5; Legionnaire, \$6; Lady Ilse, \$7; Silver Star, \$7.

Medium Blues: Blue Rhythm, .60; Chivalry, .90; Blue Valley, \$1; Vista Veronica, \$1; Pierre Menard, \$1.75; Laddie, \$3; Kezar Lake, \$3.50; Kiki, \$6; Desert Twilight,

\$7.50; Harbor Blue, \$10; Smiling Light, \$15.

Dark Blues and Blacks: Black Forest, .75; Gulf Stream, .75; Master Charles, .75; Sable, .75; Vatican Purple, .75; Lilac Lane, \$1.25; Concord Velvet, \$2; Ripples, \$2; Black Diamond, \$2.50; Pinafore Lass, \$4; Windsor, \$4.50; Black Hills, \$5; Black Mischief, \$5; Midnight Blue, \$5; Violet Harmony, \$6.50; Northwestern, \$7; Storm Warning, \$7; Top Hat, \$10; Sable Night, \$15; Dark Boatman, \$20.

Creams and Light Yellows: Patricia Joyce, .60; Amandine, .75; Desert Song, .75; Bellerive, \$1; Mattie Gates, \$1.25; Sunray, \$1.25; Spring Romance, \$2; Starshine, \$2; Waltz Time, \$2; Ruffled Bouquet, \$2.25; Char-Maize, \$3; Hummingbird, \$4; Frances Kent, \$5; Limelight, \$5; Ruffled Organdy, \$5; Truly Yours, \$7.50.

Yellows: Ola Kala, .60; Goldbeater, .75; Rocket, .75; Gold Ruffles, \$1; Ruth, \$1; Gold Sovereign, \$1.25; Zantha, \$1.25; Prospector, \$1.50; Court Herald, \$2; Royal Sovereign, \$3; Foxfire, \$5; Golden Sunshine, \$5; Spotlight, \$5; Solid Gold, \$7; Glittering Gold, \$7.50; Welcome Guest, \$7.50; June Sunlight, \$10; Gold Hawk, \$16.

Apricots, Tans and Browns: Russet Wings, .75; Ballet Dancer, \$1; El Paso, \$1; Golden Russet, \$1.25; Argus Pheasant, \$1.50; Apricot Glory, \$3; Apricot Supreme, \$3; Golden Plover, \$3; Pretty Quadroon, \$3; Placerita, \$3.50; Gypsy Classic, \$4; Remember Me, \$4; Top Flight, \$4; Al Borak, \$5; June Bride, \$5; Thotmes III, \$5; Temple Bells, \$7; Toast an' Honey, \$12; Dream Dance, \$14.

Reds: Relentless, .75; Solid Mahogany, .90; Ranger, \$1; Fort Ticonderoga, \$1.50; Pacemaker, \$2; Rosabella, \$2; Sarah Goodloe, \$2.50; Technicolor, \$3; Ebony Echo, \$3.50; Quechee, \$3.50; The Mad Hatter, \$4; Oriental Glory, \$5; Congo, \$6; Ali Baba, \$6.50; Majorette, \$9; Firebird, \$12.

Clear Light Pinks: Pink Cameo, .90; Pink 44-06, \$1; Pink Supreme, \$1; Barbara Luddy, \$1.50; Love Story, \$1.50; Pink Formal, \$1.75; Cherie, \$2; Heritage, \$2; Pink Sensation, \$2; Ballerina, \$2.50; Party Dress, \$2.50; Mallow Marvel, \$3; Cloud Cap, \$3.50; Happy Birthday, \$4; Dolly Varden, \$5; Pastella, \$5; Pink Bouquet, \$5; Cathedral Bells, \$7.50; Palomino, \$9.

Medium Pinks, Orchid Pinks and Pink Blends: Dreamcastle, .75; Lynn Langford, .90; Twilight Sky, .90; Lovelight, \$1.50; Paradise Pink, \$2; Pink Plume, \$2; Cascade Rose, \$2.50; Radiation, \$3; Maytime, \$4; Vanity Fair, \$5; Memphis Belle, \$6; Lavanesque, \$9; Mary Randall, \$12.

Plicatas: Gay Border, \$1; Lela Dixon, \$1; Firedance, \$1.25; New Hope, \$1.50; Birdsong, \$2; Dark Melody, \$2; Dawn Reflection, \$2; Gala Finale, \$2; Honor Bright, \$2; Captain from Castile, \$2.50; Burgundy Splash, \$3; Fairy Fancy, \$3.50; Port Wine, \$5; Bellemeade, \$7; Caroline Jane, \$7.50; Cinnamon Toast, \$12.

Amoenas, Variegatas and Neglectas: Wabash, .60; Three Cheers, .75; Aztec Indian, \$1; Leading Lady, \$1.25; Masked Ball, \$1.50; Lindora, \$2; Pinnacle, \$2; Mystic Melody, \$2.50; Whispers, \$2.50; Accent, \$3; Chiquita, \$3; Spanish Fandango, \$3; Helen Collingwood, \$3.50; Criterion, \$5; Spellbinder, \$5; Gaylord, \$6; Pretender, \$6; Queen's Taste, \$7; Gay Head, \$18.

Onco-Hybrids: Lady Mohr, .60; Peg Dabagh, \$1; Mohr Beauty, \$2.50; Blumohr, \$3; Real Gold, \$4; Purrisamohr, \$5; Engraved, \$7.50; Frances Craig, \$8; Mohr Glorious, \$10.

Blends: Mulberry Rose, .60; Carabella, \$1; Cascade Splendor, \$1; Sunset Blaze, \$1.25; Copper Medallion, \$2.50; Lady Albright, \$2.50; Garnet Flame, \$3; Pearl Oriental, \$3; M. Violet Moyer, \$3.50; Ginger, \$4; Spellbound, \$4; Escapade, \$5; Fancyancy, \$5; Color Harmony, \$5; Ruffled Apache, \$12.

Not Offered For Sale This Year

The following brand-new varieties may be seen in our garden but our present stock is too low to offer any of them for sale in 1956: Big Time, Bluebird Blue, Cadillac, Canadaway, Castle Rock, Clara-B, Cliffs of Dover, Columbia, Constant Comment, Convention Queen, Cook, Country Butter, Crispette, Defiance, Enchantress, Fancy Work, Golden Alps, Great Day, Ice Carnival, June Meredith, Kol Nidre, Miss Christine, Olympus Skies, Orchid Ruffles, Privateer, Queen's Lace, Rose Garland, Sea Lavender, The Citadel, Violet Grace, Wings of Song, Woodmont Plume.

Terms of Sale and Delivery

Please order early to avoid the possibility of some varieties being sold out. All offers are subject to prior sale. Shipping dates are from June 20 to August 20. Sorry, but we cannot accept any 1956 order calling for a delivery after August 20, as we plan to start replanting unsold stock at that time. Orders will be filled in the order payment is received unless a specific date is requested. Please add a 50¢ delivery charge on all orders for less than \$5. We pay postage on orders of \$5 or more. Permanent alumitags will be put on every variety shipped. Any plant that proves untrue to label will be replaced. Every plant is guaranteed to start growing in your garden. Any plant that dies before September will be replaced, provided we are notified before September 1, 1956. Make checks and money orders payable to W. H. Wicker or to Wicker's Iris Garden. Planting instructions will be put in each package of plants. Customers may select extras from the varieties indicated by asterisks. No extras are given on an order for any of the money-saving collections. The value of any other order in extra plants is determined by the scale set forth on page 1.

There are two important facts to note in connection with extras: (1) You may choose your own extras, provided the selections are all varieties marked with (*), and (2) the percentage of extras to the total amount of the order increases greatly as the size of the order increases. There is no objection on our part to several customers pooling their orders to take advantage of the increase ratio of extras, provided the order is shipped or otherwise delivered as a single order. Our iris plants are husky and full of life. We believe that they will grow, increase and bloom well for you. We have mailed plants to 42 of the 48 states and have satisfied customers in each of those 42 states.

One of the functions of an AIS judge, of which our W. H. Wicker is one, is to encourage iris hobbyists to join the American Iris Society. If you are interested in joining, we suggest that you send the amount of the annual dues, \$4, direct to The American Iris Society, 3904 Hillsboro Road, Nashville 12, Tennessee. Every AIS member received four bulletins a year. These bulletins contein helpful up-to-date information on the new varieties that is freer from sales puff than most of the other available iris data. The bearded iris and the automobile are analogous in that yearly refinements are now so customary that usually award winners of one year are better than the corresponding winners of any previous year.

A symposium on the 100 favorite iris for 1955 appeared in the January 1956 AIS Bulletin. We have all of the varieties mentioned in that symposium except two. The AIS awards in the inverse order of their importance, are: Honorable Mention, Award of Merit, and Dykes Medal. The varieties on our price list which have been given an Award of Merit or a Dykes Medal follow:

Iris	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	Dykes	<u>Iris</u>	<u>H.M.</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	Dykes
Argus Pheasant	148	150	152	Melody Lane	150	152	
Amandine	146	' 48		Mulberry Rose	143	1 JT JT	
Ballerina	'51	' 53		Mystic Melody	152	155	1
Ballet Dancer	149	152		New Snow	* 46	48	
Black Forest	'46	148		Northwestern	' 51	' 53	
Black Hills	' 51	154		Ola Kala	•43	145	*48
Blue Rhythm	145	*47	150	Palomino	152	154	1
Blue Valley	147	149		Paradise Pink	150	152	4
Blumohr	149	152		Party Dress	'51	*54	
Cahokia	149	' 51		Pierre Menard	*48	150	
Caroline Jane	'51	' 55		Pink Cameo	•46	148	
Cascade Splendor	145	'47		Pink Formal	149	' 51	
Char-Maize	149	152	*	Pink Sensation	' 50	152	
Cherie	147	149	' 51	Pinnacle	149	' 51	
Chivalry	* 7+7+	146	147	Port Wine	' 50	' 53	
Cloud Cap	' 51	' 53		Pretender	' 52	155	
Desert Song	146	149		Pretty Quadroon	148	150	
Dreamcastle	4 J [‡] J [‡]	148		Prospector	'51	' 53	
Ebony Echo	149	' 53		Queen's Taste	153	155	
Frances Craig	153	155		Ranger	144	146	
Goldbeater	145	'51		Raspberry Ribbon	' 51	155	
Golden Russet	147	152		Rocket	145	147	
Gold Sovereign	150	153		Ruffled Organdy	' 53	155	
Happy Birthday	152	154		Russet Wings	146	152	
Helen Collingwood	150	152		Sable	' 37	140	
Helen McGregor	146	148	149	Solid Gold	' 51	153	
Heritage	149	' 51		Solid Mahogany	1 1414	147	
Jane Phillips	150	152		Spanish Peaks	• 48	150	
Lady Boscawen	146	148		Starshine	149	'51	
Lady Mohr	* 444	146		Staten Island	147	148	
Leading Lady	150	154		Sunset Blaze	149	151	
Lilac Lane	148	151		Temple Bells	152	154	
Limelight	152	154		Thotmes III	'51	153	
Lynn Langford	146	150		Top Flight	153	155	
Mary Randall	'51	153	154	Tranquility	150	153	
Master Charles	144	146	,	Truly Yours	149	' 51	' 53
Mattie Gates	146	150		Violet Harmony	152	154	/3
Maytime	150	' 53		Wabash	' 37	1 38	*40
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